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## SENATOR SCHAUER ANNOUNCES OVER \$22 MILLION INVESTMENT IN JACKSON-AREA ROAD PROJECTS

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**LANSING** -- Senator Mark Schauer (D-Jackson and Calhoun Counties) today announced \$22,000,000 in Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Greenlight project investment for road maintenance and rehabilitation in Jackson County and surrounding areas. These projects supplement MDOT's previous commitments to road and bridge investments over the next five years.

"I am eager to see the effect these grants have on the Jackson area," said Schauer. "This is a win-win in terms of job creation: the construction and support jobs for the projects themselves and then the continued benefits of improved infrastructure."

The projects include rehabilitation of M-34 and maintenance work on M-99, I-94, and US-223.

The current 158 Greenlight projects are part of Governor Granholm's *Jobs Today* initiative and are expected to generate more than 11,000 jobs statewide. The Greenlight project was developed by MDOT to maximize use of federal dollars and bring Michigan's roads and bridges into good repair by 2007.

"This is a big boost to the local economy. A \$22 million commitment of any sort is great, but transportation investment is particularly long-lasting," said Schauer.

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*Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.*